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See refugee's study on impact of Korean war on S. Korean economy. Study finds protraction of war has caused exhaustion of supplies accumulated in S. Far East for short war and caused critical shortages in S. Far East as far west as Moscow.

~~See~~ OGI Comment drafts this

Covering ltr.

We do not believe we shd. make any assumptions abt. Korean war. We shd. consider problem broadly in terms of (a) cont'd. stalemate in Kor; (b) W. vac.; (c) negt. ~~act~~ armistice and ret. to status quo.

Let JTB coord. mil. contrib.??

Agencies shd. consider not only possibls. mentioned here, but suggest any others which they think might have bearing.

These terms of ref. are not designed to set the final framework of the paper, but to pose a series of signif. questions bearing directly on the problem, from the answers to which we can assess the likelihood of Sov. invasion in '71.

Crucial pts. of T of P. with regard to service will be weighted capabilities. Must be the only approach to likelihood is to est. how they themselves evaluate their capab. agt. likely resistance.

It is imposs. to est. the Sov. inv. w/o estimating the Sov. eval. of their own capab. to succeed.

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